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1. EMBASSY AGREES INDIANA'S PLANS FOR ZAVADSKIY IN NYC SOUND SUFFICIENT, BUT URGES DEPT. ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO MEET IN WASHINGTON AND ASSURE SOME THEATER THCKETS, PERHAPS AT WASHINGTON THEATER CLUB OR KENNEDY CENTER IN ADDITION ARENA. BELIEVE ZAVADSKIY'S AGE AND STATURE SOVIET THEATER REQUIRE SOME ATTENTION BE PAID HIM,, AND REGRET WE WERE MISLED BY MINCULT'S IMPLICATION WASHINGTON PROGRAM WAS ALREADY LAID ON.

2. COMMENT: ARENA HAS LOTS OF HOSPITALITY DEBTS AROUND HERE, AND ADDITIONALLY THEY AND WE COULD USE SOME GOOD PR WITH SEMI-ESTABLISHMENT FIGURE LIKE ZAVADSKIY TO OFFSET WHAT SEEM TO US MISGUIDED PUBLICITY ANTICS SUCH AS, SPECIFICALLY, NOV. 5 PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SMUGGLED MANUSCRIPTS AND RELIGIOUS DISTRIBUTIONS AND SCHNEIDER'S PUBLIC REITERATIONS OF HIS CLOSENESS WITH AND PLANS FOR SOVREMENNIK THEATER.
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IN OUR VIEW, WHICH MAY OF COURSE BE WRONG, ALL THESE ACTIVITIES

CAN ONLY MAKE NEGATIVE CONTRIBUTION TO DESIRED ENDS. CERTAINLY,
IN THE PAROCHIAL MATTER OF THE PAG PROGRAM, THEY STRENGTHEN
THE HAND OF ELEMENTS WHICH OPPOSE KIND OF HANDLING ARENA
STAGE GOT HERE, FROM LACK OF CUSTOMS INSPECTION TO AFTER THEATER
PARTIES AND CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS.
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